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Sri K. ARANGANATHAN:—" குறிப்பிட்ட காட்டில் குறிப்பிட்ட எண்ணிக்கையுள்ள ஆடுமாடுகளை மேய்ப்பதற்கு கட்டுப்படுத்தி உத்திரவிட்டிருப்பதால், அந்தக் காட்டைச் சுற்றியுள்ள இடங்களில் கட்டுப்படுத்தப்பட்ட எண்ணிக்கையைப்போல் பலமடங்கு ஆடுமாடுகள் இருப்பதால், அவைகளை மேய்ப்பதற்கு மேய்ச்சல் நிலம் இல்லாத காரணத்தால அந்தக் காட்டில் திருட்டுத்தனமாக அப்படிப்பட்ட ஆடுமாடுகளை மேய்க்கவேண்டிய நிர்ப்பந்தம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆகையால வாட்சர்களும், கார்டுகளும் இவைகளை திருட்டுத்தனமாக மேய்ப்பதற்கு மற்ற காட்டுககுள்ள பர்மிட்டுகளை இந்த குறிப்பிட்ட காட்டுக்குக் கொடுப்பது அரசாங்கத்திறகு தெரியுமா? அப்படித் தெரிந்தால் அதைத் தடுப்பதற்கும் அந்த பெர்மிட்டுகளை கட்டுப்படுத்துவதற்கும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க அரசாங்கம் யோசிக்குமா?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I have already answered, Sir, that these restrictions are imposed in the interests of preservation and regeneration of forests. I have no information about the general corrupt practices referred to by the hon. Member. But if the hon. Member would refer specific cases to me, I shall have them looked into for suitable action."

Mishaps in Government hospitals.

* 129 *Q.*—**Sri K. ARANGANATHAN**: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken to prevent mishaps in the Government hospitals such as the one referred to in the Hon. Minister's reply to Question No. 289 at page 836 of the official report of Madras Legislative Assembly, dated 4th April 1953?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" All possible measures are being taken to prevent any mishap to children admitted for treatment, etc., in the various hospitals in the City as well as in the mufassal. The measures vary according to the needs of each institution.

The following are the important general measures taken in the matter :—

(i) Nursing staff has been definitely instructed to watch children during their wakeful and playing hours and to check up babies very frequently especially before, during and after the time when visitors come to the hospital, and they are also required to count the children and make a report about the correctness when they hand over or take over charge daily.

(ii) Whenever mothers or guardians are allowed to be near their children while in hospital, they are advised to be by their side till they are discharged.

(iii) Wherever necessary, a person is kept on duty to watch the children.

(iv) Trellis have been provided on the verandas of the children's wards to prevent children from going out."

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Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, is not over-crowding in the hospitals a mishap and what do the Government propose for preventing over-crowding? Do they intend providing more beds in the hospitals? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This is more or less supplementary to Question No. 289. I suppose there is no answer. (The Hon. Minister got up in his seat.) If the Hon. Minister is answering, I have no objection."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, recently the question of over-crowding in the hospitals has been considered and we are taking steps to see that the excess number of patients is kept down as far as possible, by giving better attention to patients in the out-patient department."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" நர்சுகள் குழந்தைகளை கவனமாகப் பார்த்துக்கொள்ளும்படி சர்க்கார் உத்தரவிட்டிருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி சொன்னார். அதனால் நர்சுகளின் எண்ணிக்கையை அதிகரித்து குழந்தைகளுக்கு அதிகப்படியான பாதுகாப்பு கொடுப்பதற்கு வசதி செய்வார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன். "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is suggesting increase in staff nurses, is that so? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, I said yesterday that 63 new posts have been sanctioned."

Sri K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister stated that there was a proposal to restrict the number of admissions in the hospitals. Will Government consider expanding the hospitals in the mufassals instead of restricting admissions here? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, restricting the excess number of patients is necessary in the interests of the patients themselves. Further, there is a complaint from the staff that they are over-worked and the patients do not get sufficient care and attention. It is, therefore, very necessary that the number of excess admissions should be kept down within a certain limit."

Employees' State Insurance Scheme.

* 130 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Employees' State Insurance Scheme is proposed to be implemented in this State;

(*b*) who are the members of the Madras Regional Board; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal for the appointment of doctors in the Board?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) A proposal to introduce the medical benefit scheme, under the Employees' State Insurance Act, in Coimbatore and its suburbs in the